

III. REMARKS:

Preliminary amendments to the specification and claims have been made to include a priority statement in the specification, cancel claims and add new claims. The amendments have been particularly presented to avoid, where applicable, any admission or estoppel, generally, negatively effecting the scope of protection provided by the disclosure and claims of the present application, and particularly to avoid prosecution history estoppel, limitation of the scope of equivalences, or the like. All cancellations of claims are to be done without prejudice and are not to be construed as a waiver of any right to file other applications such as continuations, divisions, continuations-in-part, or similar applications and have the remaining claims examined without any reduction in breadth.

Applicant has canceled claims 1-212 and added new claims 213-241. The newly added claims 213-227 have been copied from U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2004/0015432 A1 to Lewis, Application No. 10/620,241 in order to comply with 35 U.S.C. § 135(b)(2). Applicant asserts that 35 U.S.C. § 135(b)(2) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.604(b) have been satisfied.

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